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#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS 44

#### Authority For Civil Cover Sheet

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- I. (a) Plaintiffs-Defendants. Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.
- (b) County of Residence. For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)
- (c) Attorneys. Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".
- II. Jurisdiction. The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.C.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.

United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here.

United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.

Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.

Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.)

- III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties. This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.
- IV. Nature of Suit. Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If the nature of suit cannot be determined, be sure the cause of action, in Section VI below, is sufficient to enable the deputy clerk or the statistical clerks in the Administrative Office to determine the nature of suit. If the cause fits more than one nature of suit, select the most definitive.
- V. Origin. Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.

Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.

Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1441. When the petition for removal is granted, check this box.

Remanded from Appellate Court. (3) Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.

Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date.

Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.

Multidistrict Litigation. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407. When this box is checked, do not check (5) above.

Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment. (7) Check this box for an appeal from a magistrate judge's decision.

- VI. Cause of Action. Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.

  Example:

  U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553
  Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service
- VII. Requested in Complaint. Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.

Demand. In this space enter the dollar amount (in thousands of dollars) being demanded or indicate other demand such as a preliminary injunction.

Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.

VIII. Related Cases. This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related pending cases if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

Date and Attorney Signature. Date and sign the civil cover sheet.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA — DESIGNATION FORM to be used by counsel to indicate the category of the case for the purpose of assignment to appropriate calendar.

Address of Plaintiff: Brian Colodonato, 1045 N West End Blvd	1 #347. Ouakertown PA 18951		
Address of Defendant: One Main Financial, 6610 Mooretown Rd	Ste L, Williamsburg, VA 23188		
Place of Accident, Incident or Transaction: <u>Bucks. PA</u> (Use Reverse Sid	le For Additional Space)		
Does this civil action involve a nongovernmental corporate party with any parent corpo	ration and any publicly held corporation owning 10% or more of its stock?		
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## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

#### CASE MANAGEMENT TRACK DESIGNATION FORM

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#### Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan Section 1:03 - Assignment to a Management Track

- (a) The clerk of court will assign cases to tracks (a) through (d) based on the initial pleading.
- (b) In all cases not appropriate for assignment by the clerk of court to tracks (a) through (d), the plaintiff shall submit to the clerk of court and serve with the complaint on all defendants a case management track designation form specifying that the plaintiff believes the case requires Standard Management or Special Management. In the event that a defendant does not agree with the plaintiff regarding said designation, that defendant shall, with its first appearance, submit to the clerk of court and serve on the plaintiff and all other parties, a case management track designation form specifying the track to which that defendant believes the case should be assigned.
- (c) The court may, on its own initiative or upon the request of any party, change the track assignment of any case at any time.
- (d) Nothing in this Plan is intended to abrogate or limit a judicial officer's authority in any case pending before that judicial officer, to direct pretrial and trial proceedings that are more stringent than those of the Plan and that are designed to accomplish cost and delay reduction.
- (e) Nothing in this Plan is intended to supersede Local Civil Rules 40.1 and 72.1, or the procedure for random assignment of Habeas Corpus and Social Security cases referred to magistrate judges of the court.

#### SPECIAL MANAGEMENT CASE ASSIGNMENTS (See §1.02 (e) Management Track Definitions of the Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan)

Special Management cases will usually include that class of cases commonly referred to as "complex litigation" as that term has been used in the Manuals for Complex Litigation. The first manual was prepared in 1969 and the Manual for Complex Litigation Second, MCL 2d was prepared in 1985. This term is intended to include cases that present unusual problems and require extraordinary treatment. See §0.1 of the first manual. Cases may require special or intense management by the court due to one or more of the following factors: (1) large number of parties; (2) large number of claims or defenses; (3) complex factual issues; (4) large volume of evidence; (5) problems locating or preserving evidence; (6) extensive discovery; (7) exceptionally long time needed to prepare for disposition; (8) decision needed within an exceptionally short time; and (9) need to decide preliminary issues before final disposition. It may include two or more related cases. Complex litigation typically includes such cases as antitrust cases; cases involving a large number of parties or an unincorporated association of large membership; cases involving requests for injunctive relief affecting the operation of large business entities; patent cases; copyright and trademark cases; common disaster cases such as those arising from aircraft crashes or marine disasters; actions brought by individual stockholders; stockholder's derivative and stockholder's representative actions; class actions or potential class actions; and other civil (and criminal) cases involving unusual multiplicity or complexity of factual issues. See §0.22 of the first Manual for Complex Litigation and Manual for Complex Litigation Second, Chapter 33.

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July 10, 2015

USDC Eastern District of Pennsylvania 601 Market Street Philadelphia, PA 19106-1797

Re: Colodonato, Brian v. One Main Financial

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please find enclosed the following:

- 1. One (1) original and two (2) copies of the Complaint;
- 2. One (1) original and two (2) copies of the Summons;
- 3. One (1) original and two (2) copies of the Civil Case Cover sheet;
- 4. One (1) original and two (2) copies of the Designation Sheet;
- 5. One (1) original and two (2) copies of the Notice of Appearance;
- 6. One (1) original and two (2) copies of the Case management track designation form; and
- 7. A check in the amount of \$400.00

Please file and return our conformed copies in the self-addressed stamped envelope provided. Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

BRIAN COLODONATO,	)		
Plaintiff,	) )	15	SAAP
v.	) No.		5045
ONEMAIN FINANCIAL, INC.,	) )		
Defendant.	)		

#### **PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT**

NOW COMES Plaintiff, BRIAN COLODONATO ("Plaintiff"), by and through his attorneys, and for his Complaint against Defendant, ONEMAIN FINANCIAL, INC. ("Defendant"), alleges as follows:

#### Nature of the Action

1. This action is brought by Plaintiff pursuant to the Telephone Consumer Protection Act ("TCPA"), 47 U.S.C. § 227 et seq.

#### Jurisdiction and Venue

- 2. Jurisdiction of this court arises pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and 47 U.S.C. § 227.
- 3. Venue is proper pursuant before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(2) as the acts and transactions giving rise to this action occurred in this district as Plaintiff resides in this district and Defendant transactions business in this district.

#### **Parties**

- 4. Plaintiff is a natural person residing in Bucks County in Quakertown, Pennsylvania.
- 5. Defendant is a business entity incorporated in Delaware, wholly owned by Citigroup, Inc., and headquartered at 100 International Drive, Baltimore, MD 21202.

6. Defendant acted though its agents, employees, officers, members, directors, heirs, successors, assigns, principals, trustees, sureties, subrogees, representatives and insurers.

#### Factual Allegations

- 7. Around August 2014, Defendant began placing calls to (267) 334-56xx, Plaintiff's cellular telephone.
- 8. Upon information and good faith belief, based on the frequency, number, nature and character of these calls, Defendant placed them by using an automatic telephone dialing system.
  - 9. These calls were to attempt to collect payments for a personal loan.
  - 10. These calls were for non-emergency purposes.
- 11. On January 30, 2015, at 10:30 a.m., Plaintiff received a call from Defendant and instructed Defendant, through its employee, representative, or agent, to stop calling him.
- 12. Plaintiff revoked any consent, express or otherwise, for Defendant to use an automatic telephone dialing system to call his cell phone.
- 13. Defendant continued to use an automatic telephone dialing system to call Plaintiff's cell phone.
- 14. Between January 30 and March 31, 2015, Defendant used an automatic telephone dialing system to call Plaintiff's cellular telephone at least sixty-four (64) times.
  - 15. Defendant called Plaintiff multiple times per day.
  - 16. Defendant called Plaintiff up to five (5) times in a single day.
- 17. Defendant willfully and voluntarily used an automatic telephone dialing system to place these calls.

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- 18. Defendant intended to use an automatic telephone dialing system to place these calls.
- 19. Defendant did not have Plaintiff's express consent to use an automatic telephone dialing system to place these calls.

#### **CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

#### Count I – Telephone Consumer Protection Act

- 20. Defendant's actions alleged *supra* constitute numerous negligent violations of the TCPA, entitling Plaintiff to an award of \$500.00 in statutory damages for each and every violation pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(B).
- 21. Defendant's actions alleged *supra* constitute numerous and multiple knowing and/or willful violates of the TCPA, entitling Plaintiff to an award of \$1500.00 in statutory damages for each and every violation pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(B) and 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(C).

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays that judgment be entered against Defendant for the following:

- (1) Statutory damages of \$500.00 for each and every negligent violation of the TCPA pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § (b)(3)(B);
- (2) Statutory damages of \$1500.00 for each and every knowing and/or willful violation of the TCPA pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § (b)(3)(b) and 47 U.S.C. § (b)(3)(C);
  - (3) All court costs, witness fees and other fees incurred; and
  - (4) Awarding such other and further relief as may be just, proper and equitable.

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Dated:	Respectfully submitted,
	By: Michael A. Siddons, Esquire The Law Office of Michael Alan Siddons, Esquire 230 N. Monroe Street PO Box 403 Media, PA 19063

#### VERIFICATION OF COMPLAINT AND CERTIFICATION

#### STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

Plaintiff, BRIAN COLODONATO, states the following:

- 1. I am the Plaintiff in this civil proceeding.
- 2. I have read the above-entitled civil Complaint prepared by my attorneys and I believe that all of the facts contained in it are true, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief formed after reasonable inquiry.
- 3. I believe that this civil Complaint is well grounded in fact and warranted by existing law or by a good faith argument for the extension, modification or reversal of existing law.
- 4. I believe that this civil Complaint is not interposed for any improper purpose, such as to harass any Defendant(s), cause unnecessary delay to any Defendant(s), or create a needless increase in the cost of litigation to any Defendant(s), named in the Complaint.
- 5. I have filed this Complaint in good faith and solely for the purposes set forth in it.
- 6. Each and every exhibit I have provided to my attorneys which has been attached to this Complaint is a true and correct copy of the original.
- 7. Except for clearly indicated redactions made by my attorneys where appropriate, I have not altered, changed, modified or fabricated these exhibits, except that some of the attached exhibits may contain some of my own handwritten notations.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746(2), I, BRIAN COLODONATO, hereby declare (or certify, verify or state) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

6-17-15 Date

BRIAN COLODONATO